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Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect May 4, 2003, tariff material consisting of:

RI PUC No. 15

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With this filing, Verizon proposes to modify the Rhode Island tariff by introducing the ability to upgrade from a Centrex Service under a term commitment to other specified Verizon services under certain conditions. Recent advancements in telecommunications technology and evolving customer demand have generated the need for a migration path from Centrex to more sophisticated telecom products. This filing eliminates the barrier of early termination charges for such a migration provided that the new commitment is of equal or greater value.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Frances O'Neill-Cunha of my staff at 401 525-3560.

Enclosed are an original and nine copies of the tariff material. Please return a copy of this letter and the tariff pages marked "Duplicate" with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

Verizon New England Inc.

5. Digital Centrex Services**5.2 Nynex Digital Centrex Plus (Centrex Plus) Service**

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4.	For locations in the same exchange but involving a different central office, intraexchange interoffice Intellipath channel rates and charges apply in addition to charges for outside plant facilities for initial main station lines.
5.	For locations in a different exchange, rates and charges for the interexchange portion of Private Line Type 2001A channels and Centrex channel terminals apply in addition to those charges for outside plant facilities for an initial main station line.
E.	Standard Features may be activated at the time each line is installed or may be added or changed subsequently. When standard features are activated or changed by the Telephone Company at the customer's request subsequent to installation of the line, the standard features subsequent change charge for Centrex Plus is applicable.
F.	Optional Features— NRCs apply on a per feature line basis. Service charges also apply for the activation of the optional feature(s).
1.	The additional optional features busy verification by attendant of trunks or lines, loudspeaker paging, and selected customer control of facilities per facility group to which access is denied, require a Private Line Type 1001 channel between the serving central office and the customers premises.
2.	SMDR rates are in addition to the rates and charges for the associated digital Centrex service, and for other associated services.
3.	Service and equipment charges apply only to system changes and do not apply to Optional Features changes.
G.	Tie Lines may be furnished as required. Rates and charges for Private Line Type 2001B channels apply for intraexchange or interexchange channels. For interexchange tie line channels, charges for Centrex terminals apply. Centrex terminals are in lieu of local channels when tie lines terminate only in the Centrex switching equipment. Tie line termination rates and charges also apply.
H.	Conversion Charges
1.	Conversion to Centrex Plus — Any existing Centrex system (Centrex I, II, Nova, or Custom Centrex system) served by a digital central office may convert to Centrex Plus service provided that suitable and sufficient digital central office facilities are available in the same serving central office. Premises work charges and jack charges apply, if appropriate, at the time of conversion. The initial installation per line charge for Centrex Plus also applies. Existing Centrex customers converting to Centrex Plus are not subject to termination charges as long as the number of Centrex Plus lines are equal to or greater than the number of lines under their current Centrex term commitment. The duration of the new term commitment must be as specified under the available payment options for Centrex Plus and must be equal to or greater in length than the time remaining in the existing term commitment.

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2.	Conversion to other Verizon Services — When a Centrex Plus customer upgrades to any of the following services: FLEXPATH, Superpath 1.544 Mbps Digital Service, Enhanced Flexgrow Service, ISDN Primary Service, High Capacity 1.544 Mbps Service (FCC No. 11), High Capacity 44.736 Mbps Service (FCC No. 11), Intellilight SONET (FCC No. 11), Frame Relay (FCC No. 20), and Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) (FCC No. 20) under a term commitment of equal or greater revenue value than the remaining value of the current Centrex term commitment, termination charges will not apply. The 'revenue value' of a term commitment is the minimum amount that the customer would be required to pay Verizon pursuant to the commitment over the entire term of the commitment (or over the remainder of the term, if the commitment period has already begun). The order for the new service and the order for the disconnect of the Centrex Plus system must be received by the Telephone Company at the same time. Appropriate non-recurring charges apply for the replacement service.
I.	Exchange Access— A portion of the charges for main station lines are amounts that are attributable for the provision of exchange access.

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